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1. The Pyongyang Ordnance Factory (the former Japanese arsenal) was almost entirely out of operation for two years after the war, then passed through a long period of partial operation, handicapped by lack of skilled technicians. The factory is now in full operation, however, under the advice and with the assistance of Soviet technicians. The organization's three plants employ about 320 Koreans, working in three shifts, and have 12 Soviet and 8 Chinese advisers in Factory No. 1, 18 Soviet advisers in Factory No. 2, and 5 Soviet advisers in Factory No. 3.
2. Factory No. 1 consists of the following divisions:
 - a. Stamping shop: manufactures cases for bombs and shells, and cuts heavy metal, with the technical advice of two Soviet engineers.
 - b. Moulding shop: contains two hammers of one metric ton each, three hammers of half a metric ton each, and eight sets of presses, steam operated. Three Soviet engineers are technical advisers.
 - c. Tool shop: manufactures major components of Tommy guns; equipped with 374 German or Japanese lathes, several with electric motors, and a few precision lathes; there are four Soviet engineers as technical advisers.
 - d. Foundry: produces cases for hand grenades; it has one Soviet and three Chinese technical advisers.
 - e. Precision machine shop: produces precision regulators, scales, rulers, artillery, mortars, machine guns, pistols, and 71-round Tommy guns; it is equipped with eight electric welders, eight carbide welders, 26 sets of precision lathes, and four sets of tanks; there are twelve Soviet technical advisers.
3. Factory No. 2 includes the following sections:
 - a. Saddle shop: produces saddles, boots, holsters, belts and cartridge boxes of leather, and eight different types of Korean hemp rope; one Soviet technician is on the advisory board.

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- b. Assembly shop: assembles diesel engines, whose parts are mostly made in the foundry in Factory No. 1; it also functions as an airplane repair shop; there are five Soviet technical advisers.
- c. Woodworking shop: produces wheels, bullet boxes, and other items for military use.
- d. Factory No. 3 is composed of the following four sections:
 - a. Inspection room: inspects all production from Factories 1 and 2 and rejects or sends back for reworking all products which do not meet army standards; there are three Soviet technicians on the advisory board.
 - b. Generating station: supplies electricity by heat evaporation for heating all three plants; it has two Soviet technical advisers.
 - c. Warehouses: Warehouse No. 1 stores raw materials; Warehouse No. 2, finished products, and Warehouse No. 3, commodities for distribution to employees of the plant.
 - d. Pig iron foundry: treats and turns infantry mortar shells and artillery shell equipped with 6 heavy oil ovens, 8 boiler furnaces, and 8 German-made regulators; there are two Soviet technical advisers.

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